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### DR. SHEPARD COMING

Royal Reception Awaits the  
Young Educator

PLANS NOW BEING PERFECTED

To Address Bethel Literary Society  
on "Religious Training"—Banquet  
by Citizens of District.

All Elements Working to Make  
Church Meeting and Social Func-  
tion Memorable—Big Turn-Out Ex-  
pected.

Plans are being perfected to give Dr. James E. Shepard a royal welcome when the brilliant young president and founder of the National Religious Training School, Durham, N. C., comes to deliver an address at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, under the auspices of the Bethel Literary and Historical Association. Dr. Shepard's theme will be "Religious Training as the Hope of the Negro Race," and in the working out of his convincing argument he will present the given principle of his new educational propaganda, concretely illustrated by his phenomenal school at Durham.

He will emphasize the basic value of religious training in the making of men, showing the indissoluble tie that binds the moral training with the mental and manual, and will explain in detail the scope and purpose of the great Ministerial Conference he has called to meet in Durham next July.

President A. D. Washington and his official aids in Bethel Literary Society are extending an especial invitation to the educational leaders, the ministers, the teachers and the organized workers for the community's social betterment, as well as the citizens at large to turn out and hear this gifted orator and constructive Christian statesman. The indications are that Dr. Shepard will be greeted by one of the largest and most representative audiences that has ever gathered in historic Metropolitan Church.

In all probability, Dr. Shepard will be introduced by Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and Rabi Simon, President W. P. Thirkield, of Howard University; Supt. W. M. Davidson, and Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce of the public schools; Dr. W. Bruce Evans, Prof. E. C. Williams, Dr. Lucy E. Molen and others identified with the Bethel Literary Society will be upon the platform.

A rich musical program will be presented, embracing a solo by the famous prima donna, Miss Jean Kelly, and selections by the Wilberforce Orchestra.

To Be Banqueted at Odd Fellows' Hall by Citizens.

According to plans outlined by the executive committee on arrangements, which has been meeting at the office of The Bee, Dr. Shepard will be tendered a grand testimonial banquet by the citizens of the District of Columbia at Odd Fellows' Hall, immediately following the exercises at the church, where covers will be laid for an immense throng of admirers. The citizens' committee, in charge of this elaborate function, is made up of W. Calvin Chase, chairman; R. W. Thompson, secretary; John C. Daney, and Armond W. Scott, together with a reception committee of twenty. Further announcement will be made in next week's issue of The Bee.

All elements are striving in unison to make the Shepard meeting and banquet the "red-letter" event of the new year. The Wilberforce Orchestra will furnish the music at the church and banquet.

### OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Mr. Bruce on Compulsory Education.

January 2, 1912.

To the Editor of The Bee:

As a matter of public interest I beg to submit to you the following statement with reference to the reported decrease in the enrollment of the colored public schools of the District of Columbia:

The net decrease of pupils in the colored schools of the District of Columbia for October 1911 as compared with October, 1910, was 424. In the kindergarten 63, or a total decrease of 407 pupils in some extent this decrease was offset by the growth of the M Street High School and the business department of Armstrong school—a situation which signifies that there is less retardation of pupils than hitherto.

A thoroughgoing investigation is now being made into the causes of the decrease in the elementary schools. One or two comments upon the matter may now be made.

When the Compulsory Education Act (Public No. 203) became operative (on the first of July, 1906) the parents of school children were impressed with the general idea that the law requires children of school age to go to school. Gradually parents in all sections of the city have learned that the law does not apply to children below 8 years of age and above 14 years; many have taken advantage of this fact. The limits should be extended—downward to 6 years and upward to 16.

The decrease in the enrollment of colored pupils is large; but the colored population—far from diminishing—has (according to the U. S. Census of 1910) been steadily increasing. The decreased enrollment is consequently abnormal. No such decrease could have occurred if Congress had provided the public schools with an adequate number of attendance officers. The colored schools are scattered all over the District of Columbia; how can one attendance officer cover such a territory?

In August and September, 1910, recent graduates of the colored normal school volunteered to assist the attendance officer in getting children into school. So systematic and effective was this short period of volunteer service that the total colored enrollment for October showed an increase of 929 pupils or 5.07 per cent over that of the same month in the preceding school year. For the white schools the increase over the previous October was 253 or .72 per cent. Moreover, when one realizes that in the decade beginning with the school year which closed June 30, 1900, the annual growth of the colored schools averaged 1.65, the increase of 929 pupils in October, 1910, is seen to be extraordinary—the direct result of the volunteer service of amateur attendance officers. The apparent drop in October, 1911, is simply the contrast with the abnormal increase of October, 1910.

And yet, despite this net loss of 424 pupils, the proportion which the colored enrollment bears to the aggregate is unchanged. For October, 1911, 16,882 of the 52,771 pupils in the public schools of the city were colored; that is to say, about one-third (32 per cent) of the aggregate enrollment is still colored.

The second half year begins on the first of February, and I am hoping to see a notable growth in the enrollment as contrasted with that of February, 1911. Our teachers and principals may be relied upon now as always, to do their duty and much more than their mere technical duty. But, the best results cannot be accomplished without the active co-operation of parents and good citizens generally; may we rely upon that cooperation?

ROScoe C. BRUCE.

### REV. WALDRON'S GREAT WORK.

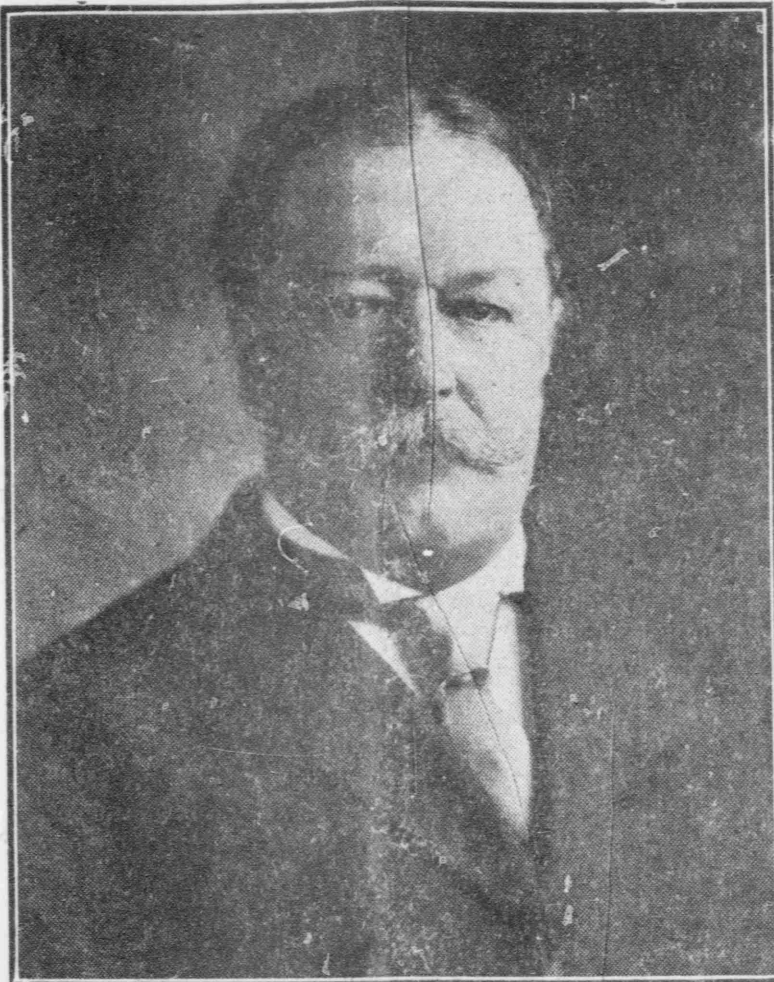
Christmas Tree to the Poor.

On New Year's Day from 4 to 6:30 P. M., the alley children and their parents of the Northwest were given a Christmas tree at Shiloh Church (Strangers' Home) under the direction of the Alley Helping Hand Society, of said church, and the Alley Improvement Association. There were present about 200 alley children and their parents in addition to 100 or more friends and members of Shiloh Church, and of the two organizations in charge of the affair.

The alley children rendered a very excellent program of recitations, readings and music. Mr. James R. Moss, in charge of the work in Blagden's Court, and Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Dr. Waldron, pastor of Shiloh Church, and president of the Alley Improvement Association, offered the invocation and delivered a brief address, thanking the friends who had made the Christmas tree and entertainment for the alley children a possibility. He stated that there are 10,000 people living in the alleys, courts and back streets, and that while many of the children living in these places are bright, apt and some of them well-behaved and trustworthy, yet, most of the alley children are neglected and in need of everything helpful. He stated that Shiloh Church had, for more than four years, carried on Mothers' and Children's meetings, open air gospel work, Sunday schools, etc., in eight or ten of the alleys of the Northwest and that other churches and organizations under the direction of the Alley Improvement Association, were carrying on a similar work in about thirty other alleys. He said that the good effects of these endeavors for the uplift of this portion of Washington's population, were recognized by all who come in contact with those who live in the alleys and courts of our city, but especially by the police. He reminded the audience that the good time they were enjoying, and the clothing, shoes, etc., they were receiving came from hearts that were prompted by the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. A. H. Thompson, D. D., pastor of Waucho Memorial Methodist Church, delivered an interesting address.

Mrs. P. H. Donoho, who has directed the alley work of Shiloh Church and is chairman of the committee in charge of the tree, and Mrs. J. T. Layton, an active social worker in the city, also made a very interesting address. Mrs. N. M. Waldron, wife of the pastor of Shiloh Church, acted as treasurer, and received and acknowledged all donations that were given towards this good work.

Mesdames P. H. Donoho, Lucy Roy, Carrie Lee, Matilda G. Harris, Sarah I. Lucas, Mary C. Collins, Alice Carroll, Misses Emma Donoho, Lena Stokes, Messrs. J. D. Fisher, H. V. Robertson, John Harris, Joseph Harris, John S. Brannon, John A. Miles, Luke Reynolds, brought the children to the church, dressed the tree, and served the refreshments. The parents, as well as the children, were given ice cream, cake, fruits, candies, etc. All the children were given a good supply of toys and picture books. Forty-two were supplied with shoes, stockings, and as many more with pants, dresses, etc. The following persons made the Christmas tree possible by their con-



PRESIDENT WILLIAM H. TAFT.

tributions: The Home Ice Cream Co., five gallons ice cream; House & Hermann, 200 picture books; Mrs. Clinton Smith, Mrs. Stephen E. Kramer, Mrs. Frances B. Johnston and the following children: Marion Toes and sister and Mary Bingham, toys. The following sent contributions of money: Mrs. Frances C. Gordon, Cummings, \$2; Mrs. W. E. Chandler, \$5; Mrs. Florence T. Baxter, \$5; Mrs. Stansbury Boyce, \$1; Mrs. Annie C. Glover, \$5; Mrs. H. A. Taylor, \$3; Mrs. N. LeRoy Goff, \$2; Mrs. Josephine B. Bruce, \$1; Miss Georgia Robertson, \$10; Miss Parthena Woodson, \$5; Rev. A. H. Thompson, \$1; Hon. Martin A. Knapp, \$5; Geo. M. Sternberg, \$2; Admiral Geo. C. Remy, \$2; Mr. Wm. Urban, of Brooklyn, N. Y., \$5; Mr. John B. Sleman, \$1; Hon. Cuno H. Randolph, \$2; Mr. S. E. Kramer, \$2; Mr. Abner H. Kelley, \$1; and Mr. W. P. Bell, \$2. Cash, \$10.

Mr. Wm. H. Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, delivered an address in Kansas City December 27, at one at Atlanta, Ga., on New Year's night. While en route from Washington to Kansas City, during his wait of several hours for train connections at St. Louis, he was met at the station by several prominent St. Louis colored men and entertained with a dinner, and later attending, with them, a party at which he met some of the best people in St. Louis. Mr. Lewis returned to Washington the last of this week.

### Bethel Literary's New Year Opening.

The first meeting of Bethel Literary and Historical Association in the new year will be held January 9th, at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, when Bishop L. J. Coppin, of Philadelphia, will speak on the subject "The Modern Renaissance." This noted scholar and divine presides over the Washington diocese of the great A. M. E. Church, and his host of friends and admirers will be glad to see him on this occasion.

### Madame McNairdee.

Madame McNairdee, no doubt one of the most remarkable women in the world, is traveling through the South. Wherever she goes she exercises her remarkable gift that has made her famous in the West. Her reception in Memphis, Tenn., was a pleasant one, and wherever she has been in the South, Madame McNairdee has won hosts of friends. She has been South several weeks, and is now returning home, where she will be greeted by her townsmen and women who wish her success. Her next stop will be this way, where the people are anxious to see her. Madame McNairdee's advertisement will be continued with this issue. She is now Mrs. Sergeant Brice.

### Moss Remembered.

Young Albert Moss, private messenger to Commissioner Johnston, was handsomely remembered by the Commissioner during Christmas. His presents were handsome and valuable. Mr. Moss is the son of lawyer John A. Moss. Young Moss is a quiet and energetic young man who has the confidence and respect of the Commissioners.

### President Washington.

Mr. Washington, president of the Bethel Literary, is an enterprising and genial presiding officer. As president of the Bethel Literary, he has worked assiduously for its success. This year President Washington will have some of the ablest and most scholarly educators to address the people.

Read The Bee.

### WHICH DOES HE MEAN?

September Ninth He Declares for Taft—Denounced the Democratic Party as Being Inimical to the Race.

Editor of The Bee:

In your last issue of The Bee, dated December 30th, 1911, I read with surprise a letter to you from ex-Judge E. M. Hewlett, whose caption was "Ex-Judge Hewlett Goes With the Progressives," which reads as follows:

EX-JUDGE HEWLETT GOES WITH PROGRESSIVES.

Calls on the Colored Voters to Leave Mr. Taft—A Caustic Letter to The Bee.

Washington, D. C.  
December 20, 1911.

After considering carefully your appeal in behalf of Mr. Taft, I have always held dear the

of the late Judge Taft, and no patience with those who led to draw the color line. I have in the enfranchisement Negro, and when Attorney Grant acted in sending troops to protect the Negroes at the polls, was opposed to the separation of races. I shall always remember to son William H. Taft, our President, as the man who declared for the color line in office holding; who, instead of condemning, condoned disfranchisement on account of color: who, from the White House, declared that the Negro must always be considered as a separate and distinct race in this country; who refused to say one word, in his message to Congress, against lynching. The time has come for the colored men to stand together and demand every manhood right that other citizens enjoy. I will confess that I believed when President Taft was nominated, that being the son of his father, we, as a race, might feel safe with him as our President; and thus believing I left my business and remained on the stump for about six weeks, neither asking nor receiving compensation. I now declare that I cannot support Mr. Taft, unless I lay aside my manhood and race loyalty, and this is out of the question. I shall support the Progressive Republicans, and do all in my power to elect their candidate whoever he may be, for I firmly believe they intend to treat the Negro as a man and a citizen, and I hope colored voters of the country will do likewise.

Yours truly,  
E. M. HEWLETT.

In your issue of September 9th, 1911, was pleased at the time it appeared, an interview of Judge Hewlett had with a representative of The Bee, which reads as follows:

JUDGE EMANUEL M. HEWLETT Comes Out for President Taft—Sees Nothing in the Democratic Party.

Judge Emanuel M. Hewlett, for a number of years one of the most competent judges in the District of Columbia, and whose record stands today equal to any member of the bar, has come out unequivocally for President Taft. In speaking to a Bee representative, Judge Hewlett said that he sees nothing in the Democratic party, and so far as President Taft is concerned he doesn't believe that any better man can be nominated as the Republican standard bearer. The colored voters of the country would do themselves a "justice" should they attempt to desert the principles of the Republican party. During the last Presidential campaign Judge Hewlett canvassed several of the Eastern States for the Republican party. He has received letters of commendation from public and private Committees, Judge Hewlett

made a strong impression on the Republican voters wherever he spoke. As a speaker he is effective and convincing, and no doubt Judge Hewlett will be among the first speakers to enter the next campaign for President Taft and his party, which he has so wisely represented.

Interview in The Bee Sept. 9, 1911.

What does Mr. Hewlett mean? Ordinarily it is not worth the space to reply to a disappointed office seeker's condemnation of a candidate, and were it not for the fact that we simply desire to call attention to the fact that Judge Hewlett's letter announcing that he has joined the alleged progressives, and is opposed to the renomination of President Taft, is such a weak paper we would not refer to it. From a man who has served as a Justice of the Peace in an enlightened city like Washington, naturally, we expect something more than illogical reasoning and a lot of silly bombast. It was our intention, at first, to take Judge Hewlett's letter and dissect it by paragraphs, but upon reading it a second time we were convinced that it would be expending brain matter upon mere sophistry to take up valuable space replying to the tommy-rot the Judge gave to the press last week. When Judge Hewlett was a candidate for reappointment as Justice of the Peace, and failed of appointment, had he then written such a weak letter as his letter of last week is, the filing of it with the Department of Justice as a protest against his reappointment would have been sufficient without any other remonstrance, to prevent his reappointment. It appears to us that Judge Hewlett has either arrogated to himself wonderful power and influence, or that he must have been in a state of coma when he wrote that very weak letter announcing his alignment with the alleged progressives, and against the nomination of President Taft. The alleged progressives are all disappointed men, and simply desire to progress into power.

It is a pity that President Taft, in the next campaign, will not have the benefit and influence of Judge Hewlett's wonderful eloquence and convincing logic. However, he will try to manage without it, and in all probability, when the campaign has been fought and won, will discover that the Judge and his influence, and his oratory was not even missed a little bit. We would advise Judge Hewlett to closet himself with sane reasoning for just five minutes, so he may realize what an unutterably weak document his letter was.

Did Mr. Hewlett have such an interview with a representative of The Bee? If he did, will he explain his inconsistencies? Is Mr. Taft the same Mr. Taft now as he was September 9, 1911?

W. T. REPUBLICAN.

### REFORMERS ELECT.

Officers' Council of Washington Division Meets.

The Past Officers' Council of the Washington Division of the United Order of True Reformers has chosen the following officers for the year 1912: President, P. Gaines; worthy mistress, M. E. Richardson; secretary, S. F. Lewis; assistant, E. E. Fooster; treasurer, W. A. King; guide, Annie Johnson; assistant, Lulu Bennett; Chaplain, S. S. Corbin; sentinel, Lee Tolbert; picket guard, M. J. Addison; right hand support, M. E. Washington; left hand support, L. C. Love; past mistress, Lucy A. Johnson, and directress, Minnie Berkley. January 9 was fixed as the date for the installation of the new officers.

### Howard Park Association.

The Howard Park Citizens' Association will be addressed by Prof. Roscoe C. Bruce, assistant superintendent of the city schools, on Monday evening, January 8, at the Church of Our Redeemer, on Eighth street, below Barry Place.

At the monthly meeting of the association on February 13, at the same place, an address will be made by Prof. E. C. Williams, principal of the I Street High School. It is the purpose of the Association to draw to both of these meetings a large attendance of the parents and guardians of our public school pupils, and those interested in them, so that an opportunity may thereby be given the public to hear through these two capable officials of our school system a comprehensive explanation of the work and progress of that system, and its relation to the welfare of our children. The public will be cordially welcomed to these meetings.

### Fight for Delegate.

Attorneys Hewlett and Horner will lead the forces for the progressives, and will no doubt place a ticket in the field. On the other hand, the Taft forces are lining up to make a vigorous fight for the administration. Dr. J. R. Wilder has announced himself a candidate, as well as Mr. James Poe, who says that he has not selected his white running mate as yet.

### Mr. Beason.

Mr. Geo. F. Beason, no doubt one of the brainiest and one of the most astute of Odd Fellows in the United States, will appear before the subcommittee of management of the G. U. O. of Odd Fellows January 8th, in Philadelphia, Pa.

### PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Important News Happenings  
of the Week

DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTEREST

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

The Chicago Tribune's summary for 1911 shows there was a decrease in the number of suicides, legal executions, embezzlements, and homicides, compared with the figures for the year before.

A unique feature of the new St. John's Congregational Church of Springfield, Mass., and which is colored, is the club rooms for girls and women. The church cost \$25,000 and is four-fifths paid for. It contains a handsome memorial window to John Brown, who, when he lived in Springfield, attended Standford Congregational Church, from which St. John sprung.

Only 35 lynchings known to be such beyond doubt, according to the reports, occurred in the United States in 1911. In previous years the number has been much larger, 47 having been recorded in 1910 and 57 in 1909. Captain Charles Young, of the 9th Cavalry, stationed at Fort Russell, has been assigned to special service in Liberia. Capt. Young is a graduate of West Point, and the only colored line officer in the U. S. Army.

A decline in the death rate in seven of the eight cities of the United States having a population above 500,000, and a generally low death rate throughout the United States are shown in the preliminary mortality figures for 1911 given out by the Census bureau.

An old chair, which brought \$7 at an auction sale at Forsburg, South Africa, has been pronounced by an expert to be a long-sought piece missing from a suite of Louis XIV furniture, and to be worth \$15,000.

The 108th anniversary of Haiti's independence day was celebrated January 2, in this city by M. Solon Menos, the Haytian minister here. A reception was given at the legation, and the raising of the flag of the black republic on the legation building were among the features.

President Taft has appointed Harry Miller, of Portsmouth, Ohio, solicitor of the Navy, to fill a vacancy that has existed there some time.

After an experience of forty years as coroner for the city of Richmond, Dr. W. H. Taylor has for the eleventh time been elected for a term of four years.

Mr. J. F. Dennis, who, as chief executive of the Republic of Liberia, succeeding President Barclay, who for eight years had occupied the office. The new president took the oath on New Year's day.

A warning has been given out, according to reports from Muskogee, Okla., to have Negroes keep off the streets of Muldrow and Sallisaw, since the lynching of William Turner, a Negro there. This is a nice beginning for 1912.

Mrs. Nanette Allison, who, as Nanette Martion, was widely known as a Missouri educator through three decades, and who attracted national attention as the only Democratic woman newspaper editor in Kansas, died last week at the age of sixty-seven years.

Joseph F. Dennis took the oath of office to become Mayor of Belle Center, Ohio, December 30, on his eighty-fifth birthday. He claims the distinction of being the oldest mayor in the United States. He says he expects to be a candidate for re-election when this term is over.

Gifts to foreign missions in 1911 by Protestant Christians throughout the world, shows a decrease over the preceding year of \$175,000. North America shows a total appropriation of \$12,300,000, and Great Britain about \$9,000,000.

Statistics show New York to be growing better. Only one person out of every 18,500 was murdered during the past year, or a total of 257 homicides. The total, as compared with the population, is not large; it is smaller than most American cities.

The first hospital in a coal mine was opened January 2, in Collinsville, Ill., one of the largest mines in that vicinity. It is designed to give the first aid to the injured. The hospital is built in the heart of the mine, and has concrete walls, guaranteed against cave-ins and small explosions.

Sheriff Julius Hurlburt, of New York, has appointed Mrs. Caroline Tamm, widow of the late Supreme Court Justice there, one of the deputy sheriffs.

### Zion Church Problems.

Dr. J. S. Jackson, financial secretary of the A. M. E. Zion Church, was in the city a few days ago.

The Doctor has been on a long tour of the South, visiting annual conferences, and his trip was one of the greatest ever made by a general officer. He attended twelve annual conferences in six weeks, without a break, preached at eight, and was endorsed for the Bishopric by nine. The other three conferences did not endorse any candidate. The endorsement in each of the nine conferences was by a unanimous vote—an unheard of thing in the annals of Methodism. This is regarded as proof that the calling and election of Dr. Johnson for Bishop at Charlotte next May is assured.